

## 48A C.J.S. Judges § 188

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### Judges

Joseph Bassano, J.D.; Khara Singer-Mack, J.D.; Thomas Muskus, J.D; Karl Oakes, J.D. and Jeffrey J. Shampo, J.D.

### VI. Authority, Powers, and Duties

#### H. Particular Judges

##### 2. Other Particular Judges

## § 188. Lay or assistant judges

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**In at least one jurisdiction, lay judges who sit as assistant judges with a presiding judge possess limited power.**

In at least one jurisdiction, lay judges who sit as assistant judges with a presiding judge possess limited power, and may not decide questions of law,<sup>1</sup> although they may participate in deciding mixed questions of law and fact.<sup>2</sup>

Where the lay assistant judges are unavailable, a statute may provide for a judge to try a cause alone although a multijudge panel is normally required.<sup>3</sup>

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### Footnotes

- 1 Vt.—[Riehle v. Tudhope](#), 171 Vt. 626, 765 A.2d 885 (2000).
- 2 Vt.—[Davis v. Manning](#), 143 Vt. 311, 465 A.2d 1352 (1983).
- 3 Vt.—[Ragosta v. Ragosta](#), 143 Vt. 107, 465 A.2d 228 (1983).

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